



## **Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

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### **David and Donna Glenn Demonstrate Wood Veneer Baskets at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

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**BEREA, Ky.** – On Saturday, Nov. 2, David and Donna Glenn, of Louisville, will demonstrate how they create their wood veneer baskets from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center.

After he retired from his engineering job at Chevron, David Glenn began to devote his time to woodworking. When a neighbor who worked for a veneer company offered him a large quantity of discarded second-grade veneer strips, David began planning what he could make. After seeing a Berea College lampshade made from wood veneer, he began designing a basket.

Soon Donna began making baskets as well, using strips from local veneer companies. They currently use veneer from the George Freeman Corp. in Winchester. To keep their work environmentally friendly, they use recycled plywood for the bottoms.

These baskets are created in three gluing steps, a departure from traditional basket making. The uprights are veneer strips stapled to ½-inch laminated plywood for the base. The weaving is done using different colored wood veneer, which allows for a wide variety of patterns. Woods used are walnut, cherry, poplar, maple, ash, hickory, persimmon, oak and bubinga. The top and bottom rims are glued and clamped and when dry, the entire basket is hand sanded.

Baskets created by the Glenns come in a variety of shapes and sizes and are both useful and decorative. The Glenns are juried members of the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program and life members of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen.

Baskets by David and Donna Glenn are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Celebrating 10 years in 2013, the center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display are, "Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans," through Feb. 22, 2014, and lobby exhibits, "The Founding of the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea" and "Highlights of the First 10 Years," through Nov. 17. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center](http://www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center), or go to the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov).

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Photos, left to right: Donna Glenn finishes of the rim of a basket; David Glenn weaves a basket from walnut and poplar veneer; David Glenn with baskets in different stages— demonstrating at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea